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: Group Art Unit: 2624
Appln. No.: 08/988,959)
: Filed: December 11, 1997)
: For: A RESPONSE APPARATUS FOR)
SENDING A RESPONSE IN)
ACCORDANCE WITH A STATE,)
AND A METHOD THEREFOR : August 22, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 9, 2002, a Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith, which includes a petition and required extension fee of \$400.00 to extend the time for taking further action in this case from June 22, 2002 to August 22, 2002. Applicants note that a Notice of Appeal for this case was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 22, 2002, as indicated on the enclosed Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) sheets. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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